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SUBJECT: EYADEMA TO LAGOS FOR SIGNING OF CEDEAO TREATY

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1. PRESIDENT EYADEMA LEFT LOME MORNING MAY 26 FOR SIGNING OF
TREATY CREATING NEW COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DES ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE
DE L'OUEST (CEDEAO) IN LAGOS TOMORROW. SIGNING WILL CROWN WITH
SUCCESS MAJOR INITIATIVE TOWARD WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRA-
TION FIRST LAUNCHED BY PRESIDENTS EYADEMA AND GOWON DURING
LATTER'S VISIT TO LOME IN APRIL 1972. AT FIRST INTERMINISTERIAL
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MEETING IN LOME DECEMBER 1973 WHERE NIGERIAN-TOGOLESE DRAFT

DOCUMENT WAS STUDIED, FINAL COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TREATY WOULD BE SIGNED BY CHIEFS OF FIFTEEN STATES (INCLUDING GUINEA-BISSAU) IN 1974. SLIPPAGE OF SEVERAL MONTHS HAS OBVIOUSLY OCCURRED, BUT LIVEN SCOPE OF TASK UNDERTAKEN IT IS STILL A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT TO HAVE REACHED SIGNING STATE SO SOON. TOGO-PRESSE EDITORIAL MAY 26 SALUTES EVENT WITH NATURALLY OPTIMISTIC FORECAST BUT COMMENTS CEDEAO WILL NOT BE BUILT AT ONE STROKE OF PEN; "IT WILL BE BORN LITTLE BY LITTLE AND DOUBTLESSLY FROM A SUCCESSION OF DECISIONS THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH WILL BE TO PROCURE FOR US FEWER ILLUSIONS "AND MORE REAL HAPPINESS."

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2. COMMENT:

(A) HAVING SPONSORED CREATION OF UPPER VOLTA/MALI MEDIATION COMMISSION AT CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING IN LOME IN DECEMBER 1974 AND HOSTED SIGNING OF ACP-EEC CONVENTION OF LOME IN FEBRUARY 1975, EYADEMA APPEARS NOW ON HIS WAY TO THIRD IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN SIX MONTHS (HOSTING CONVENTION CAN BE CONSIDERED "ACHIEVEMENT" AT LEAST IN TERMS OF PRESTIGE GARNERED DOMESTICALLY AND REGIONALLY). FREQUENTLY ONE HEARS THAT EYADEMA HAS AMBITION TO MAKE LOME "GENEVA OF AFRICA," ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT SO FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE USED THESE WORDS HIMSELF. PLANS NOW AFOOT FOR ANOTHER EVEN LARGER FIRST-CLASS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL IN LOME ARE RELIABLY SAID TO INCLUDE FEW DOZEN SUITES WHICH WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR USE BY AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE AT OAU MEETINGS. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE/
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(B) WITH MARKET OF ESTIMATED 130 MILLION PEOPLE, MORE THAN HALF IN ANGLOPHONE COUNTRIES, CEDEAO PRESENTS INTERESTING CHALLENGE FOR AMERICAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT. IF SOME GENUINELY EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION DEVELOPS UNDER NEW COMMUNITY'S UMBRELLA EMBASSY HOPES IT WILL SPUR US BUSINESS TO TAKE EVEN GREATER INTEREST IN 15-NATION REGION.
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